



**City of Santa Barbara
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**Special meeting of
THE FRANKLIN NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

Monday, December 14, 2009

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: The Franklin Neighborhood Center Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ana Soto at 4:25 PM at the Franklin Neighborhood Center, 1136 East Montecito Street, Santa Barbara, CA.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present

Ana Soto
Teresa Peña
Jhoanne Perez

Members Absent

Sebastián Aldana (excused)
Micheal Golberg (excused)
Chrystal Sturm (excused)

Staff Present

Ricardo Venegas, NOS Coordinator II

Liaisons Present

Guests

Ken Rivas
Santos Escobar, Parks Manager

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Staff reminded all that the 8th Annual Holiday Dinner and Toy Give Away will be taking place this Thursday from 6pm – 8pm. This special event is hosted by the three advisory committees at the Westside Community Center.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. CDBG Grant Applications 2010 – Staff provided an overview of the current CDBG Grant Applications and briefly discussed the needs that these grants will be addressing as well as the Advisory Committees work over the years in identifying and/or bringing these neighborhoods needs and concerns to the City's attention. Mr. Santos Escobar, Parks Manager, provided a detailed overview the following CDBG grants: **Cabrillo Ball Field for \$25,000; Ortega Park Restroom Restoration at \$225,000; Ortega Park Security Lighting for \$73,000; and Ortega Park Basketball Courts coming at \$55,000.** Mr. Escobar summarized each project, answered questions from the committee, and after much discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Peña to approve and submit grants being presented by Mr. Escobar. The motion was seconded by Ms. Soto and Miss. Perez, and was passed unanimously.

Mr. Pete Leyva, Neighborhood and Outreach Services Coordinator I, provided a detailed overview of the **Job Apprenticeship Program Grant CDBG** application in the amount of **\$25,000** as well as the **CDBG grant application for AC Unit Installation at Davis and Westside Community Center for \$25,000.** This grant amount will allow the City to continue providing an employment and training program for low-income under-served youth/young adults, offering basic life and employment skills for entry-level City employment, and assist in the City's efforts to reduce youth violence. The installation of the two AC Units will provide our frail elderly seniors and neighborhood families with a safer and much more comfortable environment. After much discussion, a motion was made by Miss Perez to approve and submit the Job Apprenticeship Program as well as the AC Unit Installation at Davis and Westside Center. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Soto and was **passed unanimously.**

Staff introduced the **Teen Center Project/Franklin CDBG Grant for \$25,000 and Neighborhood Enhancement Program CDBG Grant in the amount of \$70,000.** A total of \$25,000 is being requested for the conversion of two center offices into a Teen Center. The scope of the project will include removal of a wall, old ceiling tiles, carpeting, repair/replacement of light fixtures, opening a 4'x8' hole for the installation of a frame with tempered/clear glass window, installation of cabinets, and finally repainting and/or refinishing walls. The existing offices and/or staff will be relocated into currently vacant office space within the Center. The Committee was thankful that finally, our most underserved youth on the eastside would have a safe, secure, and accessible teen center-the project will be minimizing and/or providing

alternatives to youth violence. **A motion was made by Miss. Perez and Ms. Soto to approve and submit the Teen Center Project/Franklin. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Peña and was passed unanimously.**

The goal of the Neighborhood Enhancement Program is to work collaboratively with property owners to enhance or otherwise rehabilitate homes to ensure they are safe, healthy, improve overall quality of life to residents and to maintain the housing stock in the targeted areas. It will also work with residents of the Lower Westside, Westside and Eastside to provide coordination for 10 neighborhood enhancement work projects that will eliminate pedestrian hazards, provide beautifications and enhancement to blighted areas, while bringing residents together to work on resident-identified health and safety improvement projects. \$60,000 of the requested CDBG funds would be used to fund 50 percent of a position dedicated to this program and \$10,00 for the purchase of materials. After much discussion, **a motion to approve and submit the Neighborhood Enhancement Program grant application was made by Ms. Soto. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Peña and Ms. Perez and was passed unanimously.**

ADJOURNMENT:

At 5:30 PM, there being no further business to come before the committee, the Franklin Neighborhood Center Advisory Committee meeting was adjourned by Chairperson, Ana Soto.

Respectfully submitted,
Ricardo Venegas
Neighborhood and Outreach Services Coordinator II